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Dear Harold,

Of course, I excuse - if any excuse is needed - your typing. My handwriting problem is one of comparatively recent origin - the last 10 or 15 years. It flows from my impatience with the slowness of my handwriting as a process of communication. At D.O.L. I dictated everything - either to a stenographer or to a dictating machine - and that went at the speed of my speech - which was pretty good. Then I came to the Court to work and found - to my horror - I would be without a stenographer and that the typists at the Court resented working from a dictating machine and - deliberately, I think - gave me back unintelligible copy. So I am reduced to handwriting my draft opinions and memos for the judge and then having them transcribed by our typist who can read them. And I've had to become an expert in deciphering the Judge's scrawl - which - believe it or not - is worse than mine. He, too, does most of his work in his own hand - if you can call his chicken marks a hand.

Your comments about age getting to me as age when personal tragedies - losses of dear ones to death - and deadly problems - the troubles of advancing age - do begin to multiply. Last November I had a siege beginning with laryngitis which I ignored that became an upper

respiratory infection with fever which bedded me down for
week and then ran the course of stuffed nose, running eyes,
hoarseness, three kinds of coughs, inability to sleep
because of the coughs and respiratory discomfort and
over a months hoarseness, nasal drip, post-nasal
drip, etc. that lasted over a month. And in the last
two weeks Freda got it and it ran the same with the
exception only the week long fever. And there is the
worry about the aging and aged dear ones who are lucky
if they can live "independently". I'm now health and
financial advisor for both my sisters, me 68 and the other
70. And there is my 89 year old cousin in L.A. who I
helped get into an old-age home (an excellent one) in
Reseda, California and whom I've been keeping
visit every two months or so close to make it clear
to her that there is someone who cares for her. In
addition I phone her at least twice a week to check up
on the kind of care she's getting. She is alert and
bright but her memory is beginning to go and she is
getting progressively more feeble - needs an arm
of someone to walk without tottering and danger of
falling.

I am very troubled by your health problems. You
were always such an ox in strength and never
showed any illness. Phlebitis is not only a most pain-
full and uncomfortable ailment, but it also signals
circulatory maladjustments that need care and,
if neglected, bodily ill. Do take care of yourself and
get reliable doctors! And do what they tell you you must
do to maintain mobility and avoid further complications.

I did see you on TV and was thrilled. Keep up the good
work on FOI. If you get on a financial crunch, let me know. I
may be able to be of at least small help. I enclose a check for $21.50 for the
last two items on your order form. Love & Get Regards
Sol & Freda